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SUBJECT: KIEV-NEW YORK CONSULAR DISTRICT

REF: MOSCOW 9795

1. IN RESPONSE TO KORNIYENKO'S APPROACH REPORTED REFTEL, DEPT. HAS ONCE AGAIN STUDIED QUESTION OF KIEV AND NEW YORK DISTRICTS. US IS ILLING TO ACCEPT EITHER NORMAL INTERNATIONAL PRACTICE, WHERE SENDING STATE CHOOSES ITS DISTRICT, OR REVERSE OF THIS COIN, WHERE RECEIVING STATE DECIDES ON SENDING STATES DISTRICT. SOVIET SIDE WANTS ITSELF TO HAVE FINAL SAY ON DISTRICTS BOTH IN US AND USSR, WHICH IS UNACCEPTABLE IN PRINCIPLE. THEREFORE DEPARTMENT IS NOT PREPARED TO INCLUDE MASSACHUSETTS OR PART OF IT IN SOVIET DISTRICT UNLESS MFA PREPARED TO AGREE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO INCLUSION OF MOLDAVIA IN US DISTRICT.

2. RE KORNIYENKO POINT THAT ONLY ONE CONSULATE IN KIEV HAS MOLDAVIA IN ITS DISTRICT, WE WERE EARLIER INFORMED BY MFA (MOSCOW 3123) THAT ALL BUTONE OF FIVE KIEV CONSULATES INCLUDE MOLDAVIA IN THEIR DISTRICTS (GDR, POLAND, BULGARIA AND YUGOSLAVIA). ONLY

ROMANIAN DISTRICT DOES NOT AND WE UNDERSTAND ROMANIANS DID NOT REQUEST IT. US LENINGRAD DISTRICT ALREADY INCLUDES PARTS OF FOUR REPUBLICS WHICH REINFORCES ABOVE PRECEDENTS. THIS MAKES IT ALL THE MORE DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND MFA REMARKS THAT MOLDAVIAN AUTHORITIES WOULD RESENT IT IF JURISDICTION OF US CONSULATE EXTENDED TO MOLDAVIA. DEPARTMENT ASSUMES THAT NEITHER MFA NOR MOLDAVIAN AUTHORITIES WOULD WISH TO DISCRIMINATE AGAINST US IN CONSULAR DISTRICT QUESTION.

- 3. AS FOR ARGUMENT ON COMPARABILITY OF DISTRICTS RAISED BY KORNIYENKO, BELIEVE MFA WOULD FIND THEIR STATISTICS IMPROVED IF PENNSYLVANIA INCLUDED AND MASSACHUSETTS EXCLUDED, AS WE HAVE OFFERED.
- 4. IF THIS QUESTION IS RAISED AGAIN BY MFA, EMBASSY SHOULD DRAW ON ABOVE TALKING POINTS.
- 5. FYI: FOR THE MOMENT LEVERAGE ON THIS ISSUE SEEMS TO FAVOR US. IF STUDY OF REPORT OF KIEV INSPECTION TEAM LEADS US TO DECIDE TO ACCEPT SOVIET PROPERTY OFFERS IN NEAR FUTURE WE MAY WANT TO ONCE AGAIN CONSIDER WHETHER SOME FALLBACK POSITION DESIRABLE. END FYI. KISSINGER

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